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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON CALLS OF YANG HSI-K'UN

1. SUMMARY. DURING CALLS NOVEMBER 30 ON DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, ROC VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YANG HSI-K'UN DISCUSSED BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS. YANG MENTIONED ROC CONCERN TO UNDER SECRETARY PORTER AND EA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL THAT SOUTH KOREA MAY BREAK RELATIONS WITH ROC IN RETURN FOR PRC SUPPORT OF SOUTH KOREA'S ADMISSION TO UN. IN MEETING WITH AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM, YANG LEARNED THAT, ASIDE FROM POSSIBLE NEW US/ROC COOPERATION IN ASSISTANCE FIELD IN NIGER, SHORTAGE OF FUNDS RENDERS UNLIKELY US/ROC ASSISTANCE COOPERATION IN AFRICA OTHER THAN COORDINATION OF ALREADY FUNDED PROJECTS. END
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SUMMARY.

2. IN MEETING WITH AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM, YANG SAID ROC WAS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DEVELOP US/ROC "PARTNERSHIP" IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FIELD IN AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR DEVELOPING COMPLEMENTARY US/ROC PROJECTS. AID DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DONALD S. BROWN RESPONDED THAT COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE PROJECTS MUST BE BASED ON SPECIFIC SITUATIONS. HE ADDED THAT COOPERATION MAY BE POSSIBLE IN NIGER; SUBSTANTIAL NEW FUNDS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE SOON FOR "RECOVERY PROGRAM" FOR DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS. SOME OF

THESE FUNDS COULD BE USED TO EXPAND ROC'S RICE CULTIVATION PROJECT THERE. MR. NEWSOM SAID THAT ROC MUST BE AWARE OF DIMINISHING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR AID. HE ADDED THAT USG, OF COURSE, OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, BUT WOULD HAVE TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT USE OF ITS RESOURCES FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ITS OWN INTERESTS. HE SAID TENDENCY IN FUTURE WILL BE MORE TOWARD COORDINATION THAN COOPERATION AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT FRIENDS OF US COULD EXAMINE OWN RESOURCES.

3. YANG SAID THAT ROC VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH KOREAN CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA AND PRC, A COURSE "FRAUGHT WITH DANGER." YANG SAID ROC HAD REPORT THAT ROK HAS TOLD PRC IT WOULD BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROC IF PRC WOULD SUPPORT ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA TO UN. BOTH UNDER SECRETARY AND HUMMEL STATED THT USG HAS NO REPORTS OF THIS TYPE. MR. HUMMEL SAID THAT SITUATION ON KOREAN PENINSULA EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND THAT USG WELCOMES DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

4. ON FORMER THAI LEADERS PRAPHAT AND NARONG, NOW IN EXILE ON TAIWAN, YANG SAID ROC IS CONSIDERING ASKING THEM TO LEAVE. PROBLEM IS FINDING ANOTHER COUNTRY WHICH WILL ACCEPT THEM. HE ADDED THAT CHIEF PROBLEM FOR ROC IS THAT PERMITTING PRAPHAT AND NARONG TO STAY HARMS ITS "IMAGE" WITH THAI STUDENTS. HE SAID THAI GOVERNMENT NOT AT ALL HOSTILE TOWARD ROC.

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5. ON SOUTH AFRICA, YANG SAID MAIN OBJECT OF VISIT THERE WAS TO ADVISE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER DR. MULLER, THAT MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THREE ENCLAVE STATES OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND WOULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD PERSUADING OTHER COUNTRIES THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS CAPABLE OF ADOPTING LIBERAL POLICIES TOWARD BLACK AFRICA. HE SAID HIS VISIT TO THESE STATES CONFIRMED THEIR DISENCHANTMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES.

6. IN MEETING WITH HUMMEL, YANG NOTED THAT OCTOBER 1973 EDITION OF "FOREIGN SERVICE LIST" CARRIES BOTH TAIPEI AND PEKING UNDER PAGE HEADING OF "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA." MR. HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS TECHNICAL MISTAKE WHICH WOULD BE CORRECTED IN NEXT EDITION.

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